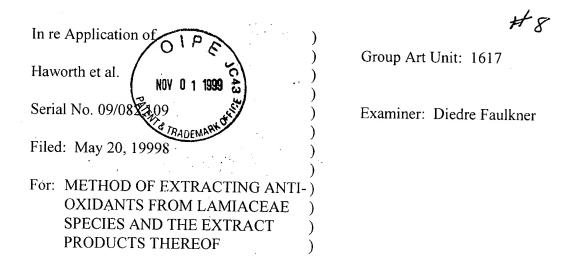
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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a)

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In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent and in regard to an amendment filed on October 25, 1999 in response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 1999, Applicant, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a), kindly requests a refund of an overpaid patent extension fee. Applicant's attorney mistakenly forwarded a check in the amount of \$1,850.00 for an "Extension for response within the fifth month." The appropriate fee for Applicant's response is \$380.00 for an "Extension for response within the second month." Accordingly, Applicant overpaid \$1470.00.

Please forward a refund check in the amount of \$1470.00, payable to DAVIS, BROWN, KOEHN, SHORS & ROBERTS, P.C, and to the attention of the undersigned, with reference to our file no. 4532670/19300. In the alternative, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit the \$1470.00 overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2250.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this matter.

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